

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method for calculating a copyright ~~licensing~~ fee of digital contents comprising:

a step of distributing digital contents from a center side distribution apparatus of a center to a terminal apparatus of a shop via a shop side distribution apparatus, wherein a plurality of shops are connected to the center, and a plurality of terminal apparatuses are connected to the each shop;

a step of allowing digital contents capable of being accessed at a limited place to be viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to during a limited time period, wherein the limited time period includes time elapsed between entering and exiting the limited place;

a step of collecting an audiovisual fee according to the length of said limited time period, by the shop side distribution apparatus;

a step of ~~calculating a total amount of~~ collecting audiovisual times for each of the digital contents viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus, by the shop side distribution apparatus, by totaling audiovisual records of digital contents of respective users for a plurality of users and for each of the digital contents;

a step of transmitting the audiovisual fee and the audiovisual times to the center by the shop side distribution apparatus;

a step of calculating a total amount of the transmitted audiovisual fee for all of a plurality of shops, by the center;

a step of calculating a total amount of the transmitted audiovisual times of the digital contents for all shops, by the center; and

a step of calculating a copyright fee for each of the digital contents by the center in accordance with the calculated total amount of the audiovisual fee and the audiovisual times for each of the digital contents viewed and listened to.

2. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 1, further comprising a step of making the terminal apparatus recognize the contents of a portable recording medium storing an audiovisual period of viewing ~~and~~ and/or listening to digital contents at the terminal apparatus.

3. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 1, further comprising a step of recording personal operation history information and personal preference information managed in the terminal apparatus in a portable recording medium.

4. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 2, further comprising a step of recording personal operation history information and personal preference information managed in the terminal apparatus in the portable recording medium.

5. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 1, further comprising a step of allowing a trial read

of digital contents at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing ~~and~~ and/or listening to the digital contents.

6. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 2, further comprising a step of allowing a trial read of digital contents at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing ~~and~~ and/or listening to the digital contents.

7. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 3, further comprising a step of allowing a trial read of digital contents at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing ~~and~~ and/or listening to the digital contents.

8. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 4, further comprising a step of allowing a trial read of digital contents at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing ~~and~~ and/or listening to the digital contents.

9. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 1, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing ~~and~~ and/or listening to the digital contents.

10. (currently amended): A method for calculating method a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 2, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing ~~and~~ and/or listening to the digital contents.

11. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 3, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing ~~and~~ and/or listening to the digital contents.

12. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 4, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing ~~and~~ and/or listening to the digital contents.

13. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 5, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing ~~and~~ and/or listening to the digital contents.

14. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 6, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and and/or listening to the digital contents.

15. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 7, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and and/or listening to the digital contents.

16. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 8, further comprising a step of prolonging an audiovisual time of digital contents if an electronic advertisement is viewed and and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus capable of viewing and and/or listening to the digital contents.

17. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 1, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

18. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 2, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

19. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 3, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

20. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 4, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

21. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 5, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

22. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 6, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

23. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 7, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

24. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 8, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

25. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 9, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

26. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 10, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

27. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 11, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

28. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 12, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

29. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 13, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

30. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 14, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

31. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 15, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

32. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 16, further comprising a step of printing a portion or all of digital contents, a step of checking whether the digital contents can be printed, a step of calculating a copyright fee of the printed digital contents, and a step of displaying the calculated result on a display.

33. (currently amended): A method for calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents comprising:

outputting the digital contents capable of being accessed at a limited place during a limited time period, wherein the limited time period includes time elapsed between entering and exiting the limited place;

collecting an audiovisual fee according to the length of said limited time period
by a shop side distribution apparatus;

calculating a total amount of audiovisual times for each of the digital contents
viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to by the shop side distribution apparatus;

transmitting the audiovisual fee and the audiovisual times to a center by the
shop side distribution apparatus;

calculating a total amount of the transmitted audiovisual fee for all of a
plurality of shops, by the center;

calculating a total amount of the transmitted audiovisual times of the digital
contents for all shops, by the center; and

calculating a copyright fee for each of the digital contents by a center in
accordance with the calculated total amount of the audiovisual fee and the
audiovisual times.

34. (currently amended): A method for calculating a licensing copyright fee of
digital contents comprising:

counting the number of pages displaying digital contents, by a shop side
distribution apparatus;

calculating [a] an audiovisual fee in accordance with the number of displayed
pages, by the shop side distribution apparatus;

collecting audiovisual times for each of the digital contents viewed and/or
listened to at the terminal apparatus, by the shop side distribution apparatus;

transmitting the audiovisual fee and the audiovisual times to a center, by the
shop side distribution apparatus;

calculating a total amount of the transmitted audiovisual fee for all of a plurality of shops, by the center;

calculating a total amount of the transmitted audiovisual times for each of the digital contents for all shops, by the center; and

calculating a copyright fee for each of the digital contents, by the center, in accordance with the calculated audiovisual fee and total amount of audiovisual times.

35. (canceled).

36. (currently amended): A system for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents comprising:

means for distributing digital contents from a center side distribution apparatus of a center to a terminal apparatus of a shop via a shop side distribution apparatus, wherein a plurality of shops are connected to the center, and a plurality of terminal apparatuses are connected to the each shop;

means for allowing digital contents capable of being accessed at a limited place to be viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to during a limited time period, wherein the limited time period includes time elapsed between entering and exiting the limited place;

means for collecting an audiovisual fee according to the length of said limited time period by the shop side distribution apparatus;

means for ~~calculating a total amount of~~ collecting an audiovisual times for each of the digital contents viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus

by the shop side distribution apparatus, by totaling audiovisual records of digital contents of respective users for a plurality of users and for each of the digital contents

means for transmitting the audiovisual fee and the audiovisual times to the center by the shop side distribution apparatus;

means for calculating a total amount of the transmitted audiovisual times of the digital contents for all of a plurality of shops, by the center; and

means for calculating a copyright fee for each of the digital contents by the center in accordance with the calculated total amount of the audiovisual fee and the audiovisual times for each of the digital contents.

37. (currently amended): A computer readable recording medium storing a program for calculating a licensing copyright fee of digital contents, the program comprising the steps of:

distributing digital contents from a center side distribution apparatus of a center to a terminal apparatus via a shop side distribution apparatus of a shop, wherein a plurality of shops are connected to the center, and a plurality of terminal apparatuses are connected to the each shop;

allowing digital contents capable of being accessed at a limited place to be viewed and and/or listened to during a limited time period, wherein the limited time period includes time elapsed between entering and exiting the limited place;

collecting an audiovisual fee according to the length of said limited time period by the shop side distribution apparatus;

~~calculating a total amount of~~ collecting an audiovisual times for each of the digital contents viewed ~~and~~ and/or listened to at the terminal apparatus by the shop side distribution apparatus;

transmitting the audiovisual fee and the audiovisual times to the center by the shop side distribution apparatus;

calculating a total amount of the transmitted audiovisual fee for all shops, by the center;

calculating a total amount of the transmitted audiovisual times of the digital contents for all of a plurality of shops, by the center; and

calculating a copyright fee for each of the digital contents by the center in accordance with the calculated total amount of the audiovisual fee and the audiovisual times ~~digital contents.~~

38. (currently amended): A method of calculating a ~~licensing~~ copyright fee of digital contents according to claim 1, wherein said total amount of audiovisual times is a number of audiovisual times of identical digital contents.